



## **USATT AND ICC SET TO HOST ITTF NORTH AMERICA “CHINA IN NORTH AMERICA”**

*Chinese Junior National Team Visits Milpitas, CA For 5-Day Training Camp with Top US and Canadian Juniors from October 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>*

October 3, 2017 (Milpitas, CA) – USA Table Tennis (USATT) CEO Gordon Kaye announced today that the Chinese Junior National Team will be visiting ICC Table Tennis Center (Milpitas, CA) starting on October 5th for a 5-day intensive training camp with top US and Canadian junior players as part of the ITTF-North America “China in North America” program. Sixteen US and eight Canadian players will participate in the camp along with the Chinese team under the guidance of USATT High Performance Director Joerg Bitzigeio and top Chinese National Team coaches.

“It is such an honor for USATT to be hosting the Chinese Junior National Team for this exciting training camp as part of the ITTF’s China in North America initiative,” commented USATT CEO Gordon Kaye. “In elite table tennis, the Chinese are known globally not just for their dominance at the world and Olympic levels, but also for their high level of training and discipline. We are excited for our talented young players to learn and train with the best in the world. I extend a sincere thanks to the Chinese Table Tennis Association, the International Table Tennis Federation, ITTF-North America, the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee, Capital Plastics, and the ICC Table Tennis Center for providing our athletes with this opportunity.”

The ITTF-North America “China in North America” program will continue in Markham, Ontario the following week (October 11 – 17), where another eight US players will join a contingent of Canadians for a second week of training camp.

“We see these training camps as a foundation of building a stronger working relationship between North America and the Chinese National Team,” added Joerg Bitzigeio, USATT’s High Performance Director. “We have a group of very talented young athletes who are the future of USATT, and want to provide them with a pathway for success in the long-term.”

The camp will be open to the public at ICC Table Tennis Center (1507 N Milpitas Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035) on **Sunday, October 10 from 7:30am – 10:00am and 2:00pm – 5:00pm**. All other training sessions will be closed to the public.

### **Participants from the Chinese Junior National Team:**

#### Leaders and Coaches

LIU Wei (Team Leader)  
HE Xiao (Delegate)  
YU Yang (Coach)  
LI Dacheng (Coach)

#### Players

QUAN Kaiyuan  
YANG Shuo  
YUAN Licen  
GUO Yuhan  
HUANG Fanzhen  
ZHANG Binyue

### **Participants from ITTF-North America:**



#### US Leaders and Coaches

Joerg Bitzigeio (High Performance Dir).  
Gao Jun (USATT National Team Coach)  
Rajul Sheth (ICC Executive Director)  
Tim Wang (ICC Director)  
Bob Chen (ICC Host Coach)  
Zhou Xin (ICC Host Coach)

#### Players

Ishana Deb (San Jose, CA)  
Aditya Godhwani (Fremont, CA)  
Steven Gong (West Hills, CA)  
Nikhil Kumar (San Jose, CA)  
Ted Li (San Diego, CA)  
Victor Liu (San Jose, CA)  
Mudit Mahajan (San Ramon, CA)  
Lavanya Maruthapandian (Dublin, CA)  
Ved Sheth (Fremont, CA)  
Joanna Sung (Campbell, CA)  
Rachel Sung (Campbell, CA)  
Nicholas Tio (Irvine, CA)  
Michael Tran (Katy, TX)  
Crystal Wang (Bellevue, WA)  
Aziz Zarehbin (Alameda, CA)  
Kai Zarehbin (Alameda, CA)

#### Canadian Coaches

Peter-Paul Pradeeban (Ontario)  
Max Surprenant (Quebec)  
Jialin Wang (British Columbia)

#### Canadian Players

Alexander Bu (Ontario)  
Edison Huang (British Columbia)  
Laura Lai (British Columbia)  
Edward Ly (Quebec)  
Luc Sicard (Quebec)  
Tommy Xu (Quebec)  
Terence Yeung (Ontario)  
Benita Zhou (British Columbia)

### **ABOUT USA TABLE TENNIS**

USA Table Tennis is organized under the United States Olympic Committee as the National Governing Body for the sport of table tennis in the United States. As a member service organization it promotes table tennis by creating opportunities for athletes and coaches of all backgrounds to participate in the sport through more than 250 clubs and over 350 tournaments across the nation annually. USA Table Tennis is a member of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), and is responsible for selecting and training teams for international competition including the Pan American and Olympic Games. For more information on USA Table Tennis visit [www.usatt.org](http://www.usatt.org).

